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Sent: Tuesday, December 25, 2007 2:45 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: INSIGHT: Classy Hand-Off

Governor:

Thank you for the compliment. I will miss serving on RurAL CAP, but it's time for Rhonda to bring a new perspective and voice from your office. I hope you and your family are enjoying Christmas together (don't know if your husband's work schedule allows him to be with you today) and that God continues to bless you with wisdom and good counsel in the coming year.

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Sent: Mon 12/24/2007 4:55 PM

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Subject: Fw: INSIGHT: Classy Hand-Off

Merry Christmas Annette! Thanks for the good and impressive work you've accomplished on Rural Cap, to be continued by Rhonda:

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Rhonda:

Couldn't agree more! Your discerning assessment of Annette's service there is spot on. Thanks for recognizing that.

It will be so great to have you as a part of Rural Cap now, too.

Thank you. And enjoy Christmas eve!

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Not an urgent e-mail. But some insights into the value of the work that we do, that are not always in the job description.

During my first week on the job, Commissioner Annette Kreitzer did some mentoring, as she handed off her duties to me as the governor's representative on the RurAL CAP Board.

It's clear this non-profit agency is appreciative of Commissioner Kreitzer's five years of service on the board.

For one thing, she has a reputation for doing her homework. Board members talked about how she scrutinized the voluminous board packets - something that very few board members actually do. But they know Commissioner Kreitzer did, because she asked lots of tough questions. questions that weren't always well received at first, but in the end helped the organization better meet its challenges.

It struck me that this has taken a lot of courage on Commissioner Kreitzer's part. Since most non-profits are formed to provide a community service, there's a tendency for those who run these organizations to look past the bottom line questions - often to the non-profit's detriment.

From child development programs to energy, RurAL CAP is growing concern - a $25 million a year corporation. And Kreitzer's expertise in budget and finance came at an important time.

Commissioner Kreitzer served on two nuts-and-bolts committees: the Audit Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee.

During recent committee meetings, I had a chance to observe her in action. She often emphasized the importance of accountability and measuring outcomes.

A telling moment came in the discussion of RurAL CAP's vision statement - which included the goal of "Environmental Action." Commissioner Kreitzer questioned whether this was in line with RurAL CAP's mission to address poverty. At the Commissioner's suggestion, board members changed the language to "Community Improvement" - a goal that is not only more accurate, but less politically inflammatory - perhaps heading off future opposition to RurAL CAP programs. Many of RurAL CAPS programs deal with recycling and solid wastes - but are mostly used as a vehicle to grow village leaders - so to head them under "environmental action" is not nearly as comprehensive.

When the board officially thanked Commissioner Kreitzer, they teased her about her aversion to "group hugs. But you could sense from the people in the room, they would miss her dedication -- and occasional contrarian voice. There was acknowledgement that she served the greater good by raising good questions.

From energy to tribal government to subsistence, the state will wrestle with some difficult rural issues in the year ahead - and RurAL CAP will be an important resource to tap.

I look forward to serving on the board, appreciative that Commissioner Kreitzer has laid a good foundation for me. As I shadowed her, she took time to explain the dynamics of the board - and gave me pointers on how to conduct myself.

The RurAL CAP board is made up of Native leaders from across the state, and the care and professionalism that she took in making her transition off the board, put the Palin administration in a positive light.

It was nothing short of classy. And there's no doubt, Commissioner Kreitzer will be a tough act to follow.

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Today: valley community Christmas

dinner volunteer,

And Dec 27 afternoon AGIA mtg in Anchorage office.

(And last night Good Shephard Lutheran Christmas service/program)

Thanks. Merry Christmas!

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